है? लेकिन जयपुर के अंदर जो जोन बनाया गया है, वह जयपुर राजधानी होने के कारण बनाया गया हैं यह एक अच्छी बात हैं, लेकिन मैं आपसे निवेदन करना चाहूंगा कि कोटा भी राजस्थान का एक हिस्सा है । कोटा डिवीजन को आपने जबलपुर में डाल दिया हैं, जबकि उनको जयपुर नजदीक पड़ता है, जयपुर में सारी सुविधाएं हैं । मैं आपसे पूछना चाहता हूं कि क्या आप उसको वापस जयपुर में रखेंगे ।

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, the hon. Member has raised a new point. We will examine its feasibility, and the hon. Member would be communicated about it.

502. [The questioners (Shri Ravi Shankar Prasadand Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi) were absent for answer *vide* page 31 *infra].*

503. [The questioner (Shri V. Narayansamy) was absent for answer vide page 33 *infra].*

Horseshoe Crab

*504. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any measure to resume research on 'Horseshoe crab' and to include it is Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act as the horseshoe crab could help cure diseases like osteoporsis and cardio vascular ailments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) and (b) The Zoological Survey of India, under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, hasbeen regulalry carrying out research work on 'Hoseshoe crab' The research mainly relates to occurrence, abundance, seasonal variations, food and feeding habits and spawning behaviour of one species called Carcinoscorpious rotundicauda and occurrence and abundance of other available species of the country *i.e.* Tachypleus gigus.

The National Board for Wildlife in its second meeting held on 17.03.2005 has decided to constitute a Standing Committee on animals for certain tasks which include norms for inclusion of any entry in the schedules of

Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, listing of such species. The Committee will submit report to Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife for further necessary action.

SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Sir, through you, I would like to -know from the hon. Minister whether his attention has been drawn to conserve the Horseshoe Crab, the earth's oldest living creature. If this species is not protected under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, it will disappear.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, usually all wildlife are being protected by virtue of the provisions available in the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972. Some of the species were categorised as Schedule I, Schedule II and Schedule III species. The splitting of Schedules right from l-IV is in the nature of ascending order of significance and the availability and descending order of penalty and punishment for hunting. So far as the Horseshoe Crab is concerned, it is available in plenty. It is not termed as an endangered species. However, it is being monitored by the Wildlife Wardens of the concerned area.

SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARATAIMUR: Sir, this Horseshoe Crab has got medicinal value. The hon. Minister, in his written reply, has stated that the National Board for wildlife has decided to constitute a Standing Committee. Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister by when the Standing Committee would be constituted. I would also like to know whether experts and environmentalists like Mr. Mike Pandey, who is an internationally-known conservationist, nature film maker and Wild Screen Panda Award winnder will be included in the Standing Committee, as he is the first person to speak about Horseshoe Crab.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, the Standing Committee is already in existence for various species, including tigers. Within the purview of the National Wildlife Board, we are having every right to constitute a Standing Committee. We are proposing to constitute the Standing Committee. It will come very soon.

SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister about construction of an international railway line. Is the Government of India proposing to lay a railway line to Saudi Arabia so that the muslims in India and Pakistan...

श्री सभापति : यह कहां से आ गया ? कोई बात नही, आप बैठ जाइए । *(Interruptions)* Now, Question No. 505.

*505. [The questioner (Shri Rajeev Shukla) was absent For answer *vide* page 36 *infra.]*

उर्वरकों की कीमतों में कटौती

506. **श्री उदय प्रताप सिंह** : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या सरकार उर्वरकों की वर्तमान कीमतों में कटौती करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार नई उर्वरक नीति बनाने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) से (घ) एक विवरण सभापटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

(क) से (ख) उर्वरकों के विक्रय मूल्यों में फिलहाल कमी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नही है । उर्वरकों के विक्रय मूल्यों में दिनांक 28.2.2002 से वृध्दि नही की गई है । उर्वरकों के विक्रय मूल्यों में दिनांक 28.2.2003 को मामूली सी वृध्दि की गई थी जिसे दिनांक 12.3.2003 को वापस ले लिया गया था ।

(ग) और (घ) यूरिया के स्वदेशी उत्पादकों को राजसहायता का भुगतान यूरिया इकाइयों की नई मूल्य निर्धारण योजना (एनपीएस), जो तत्कालीन इकाई विशिष्ट प्रतिधारण मूल्य योजना के स्थान पर दिनांक 1.4.2003 से लागू हुई थी, के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत विनियमित किया जाता है । नई मूल्य निर्धारण योजना को चरणों में क्रियान्वित किया जा रहा है । चरण – । की अवधि एक वर्ष अर्थात 1.4.2003 से 31.3.2004 तक थी । चरण – ॥ की अवधि दो वर्ष अर्थात 1.4.2004 से 31.3.2006 तक है । नियंत्रणमुक्त फॉस्फेटयुक्त और पोटाशयुक्त उर्वरकों के उत्पादकों और आयातकों को नियंत्रणमुक्त फॉस्फेटयुक्त और पोटाशयुक्त उर्वरकों की बिक्री पर रियायत योजना के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत रियायत दी जाती है ।

नई मूल्य निर्धारण योजना के चरण – । और चरण – ॥ की प्रभावकारिता की समीक्षा करने तथा 1.4.2006 से प्रारम्भ होने वाले चरण – ॥। के लिए यूरिया इकाइयों हेतु नीति निर्धारण करने के लिए डा0 वाई0के0 अलघ के अध्यक्षता में 10.12.2004 को एक कार्य दल गठित किया गया है । यह कार्य